

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2025

Council meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	George Bechtel
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	Christopher Smith
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton (Not present)
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer/Acting Secretary	Cindy Long

Public Comments

- Ron Hull from the Dauphin Middle Paxton Park Authority asked for a review of the redirection of water runoff from the parking lot in front of the concession stand. The paver is coming in mid-July for the track and the Park Authority would like to have the water runoff addressed at the same time. Keith Heigel will be calling Ron to follow up.
- Ron Hull also notified Borough Council that the Park Authority plans to keep the stumps along Claster Blvd because it helps to protect the property.
- Councilman Harris asked Ron if the Park Authority is aware of residents hitting golf balls in the outfield at Kennedy. He is concerned that divots may be a problem for the ball players. Ron will be sending an email to the Park Authority Board to notify them of Councilman Harris' concerns.

Acceptance of Minutes

- A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Grbich to accept the Minutes of the June 3, 2025 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- The 22/322 construction project is underway. Mayor McKenna made a phone call to see if we can get a temporary sign board to prevent highway traffic from attempting to bypass the construction by driving down Gap View Road to Allegheny Street not realizing that there is not an on-ramp back to 322 at the end of Allegheny. Multiple tractor trailers have had to turn around at the Dauphin Boro exit of 322. This is a three-year project.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Councilman Musselman reported that there were 20 calls last month.
- Mayor McKenna is now the new treasurer for the Dauphin Middle Paxton Fire Company.
- Three representatives from three fire truck companies came to present about new fire engines. Information is still being reviewed.

Parks and Recreation Report

- None

Engineer's Report

- Keith Heigel reported that FEMA is remapping all of Dauphin County. Draft maps should be available within the next two months and will be presented to Council for adoption.
- The information that Josh Rissinger, owner of property at Claster Blvd and Charles Rd, requested at the June meeting has been provided to him. He has not submitted an application at this time.
- The High Street project is going out to bid.
- There are four different modular companies that will be providing specs and budgets for the new community building. Hoping by the end of next week information can be circulated to the Committee.
- 220 Market Street property had a garage on the back, and NOV's were filed followed by a citation. The barn has been taken down. The resident is asking for court proceedings to be withdrawn and proposing to pay the cost of approximately \$500.00 and would like an allotted timeline to remove debris in exchange for proceedings to be withdrawn. Heigel is looking for guidance on the timeline for debris removal and approval for proposal. Council is willing to accept the payment of fees and a two-week time frame for debris removal. Statler agrees with the proposal.
- Owners of 400 Allegheny Street are looking to submit a change of use for the property and potentially opening a pet grooming salon.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor comments will be provided under Unfinished Business.

Mayor's Report

- No report.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- Councilman Bechtel notified Council that per the Fee Resolution that was passed by Council, a 10% delinquent fee for past due sewer accounts was included in the Resolution. To date, this approved fee has not been implemented. Per the Finance Committee meeting, the Borough will now be implementing the 10% fee on delinquent accounts.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the June 2025 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Smith and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The Community Building Committee will plan to meet in July and have something to report on at the August meeting upon receipt of the specs and budgets received by the modular companies as indicated in the Engineer's report.
- Solicitor Statler stated for the record that due to the cost of the modular buildings, formal bidding will be required. Borough Council will vote in August to approve a bid package for the new community building.
- Resident Dave Ertel inquired about any further cleanup efforts at the park, along with the cease of further dumping. Council President Cuddy stated that no further dumping of man-made material has been done at the park. The diama-tex is a soil material and was spread to cover some previous dumping.

New Business

- Resolution 2025-03, Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan, is signed every two years. This is a protocol that the county puts together to respond to and reduce the impact of disasters and hazards.

A motion to adopt the Dauphin County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Resolution 2025-03) was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

- The Borough's three-year contract with Waste Management expires at the end of August. Waste Management has proposed a 1-year extension to our current plan which represents a 5% increase. Councilman Bechtel stated that with the current proposal, the Borough would have to raise the trash bill to \$27.00 per month to break even. Councilman Bechtel looked for additional providers; Valley Waste and Goods will have proposals to the Borough by the August meeting.

Correspondence

- The Middle Paxton Lions Club would like to that the Mayor and the Borough for all their assistance with the carnival. The carnival will be running from Tuesday, July 8th through Saturday, July 12th. The permit for the fireworks display has been submitted and the fireworks will take place on Friday, July 11th.
- Councilman Bechtel followed up on the status of two items of correspondence from June. Per Councilman Smith, the gravel washout has been addressed. Per Mayor McKenna, there is still an on-going issue with unregistered/uninspected vehicles parked on the street; and little to no assistance from the State Police.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- No report.

Public Works – Musselman, Smith

- Troy and Ryan have been busy mowing. They will be pressure washing the building and cleaning up the carnival grounds/trimming bushes prior to the carnival.
- The chlorine tank walls are poured but may not be seal coated yet, but the project will be completed soon.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- No report.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- The signs for the kayak ramp have arrived and were given to the Mayor.
- The contact list for Borough Council is complete.
- New phones have been set up in the office.
- Preparation for the Fall/Winter newsletter will begin in August. Let Jocelyn know by the August meeting if there are any specific items to be addressed in the newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The public meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Attest:

Approved:

Cynthia Long
Acting Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council